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1. In early 1953 I met a Rals Kovalchek [phonetic spelling], who was touring with a Yugoslav Folk Dancing group. Kovalchek represented himself as a representative of the Yugoslav News Agency. I became quite friendly with Kovalchek and, in the beginning, had no reason to believe he was other than he represented. However, Kovalchek began to express a more than passing interest in the US Army and my "chance" meetings with him became more and more frequent. I gradually began to suspect that Kovalchek was engaged in some pretty strange activities for a news agency representative. For example, I met Rals in a train going to Germany (Federal Republic) and he explained that he was on his way to Belgium where he was going to try to persuade a Yugoslav defector to return home. I am quite certain from Kovalchek's remarks and activities that he is engaged in some phase of intelligence work.
2. [On file in Graphics Records is a photograph of the Yugoslav dancing group in which Kovalchek is included.]

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